UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE

7590

08/10/2005

John S. Beulick Armstrong Teasdale LLP One Metropolitan Square, Suite 2600 St. Louis, MO 63102

EXA	MINER
LE,	TOAN M
ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
2863	

DATE MAILED: 08/10/2005

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.	
10/722,991	11/26/2003	Scott Mordin Hoyte	141441	9017	

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PROXIMITY SYSTEM TARGET MATERIAL VARIATION EFFECTS REDUCTION

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1400	\$300	\$1700	11/10/2005

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1,313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE REFLECTS A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE APPLIED IN THIS APPLICATION. THE PTOL-85B (OR AN EQUIVALENT) MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN THIS PERIOD EVEN IF NO FEE IS DUE OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED.

HOW TO REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

I. Review the SMALL ENTITY status shown above.

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as YES, verify your current SMALL ENTITY status:

A. If the status is the same, pay the TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above.

B. If the status above is to be removed, check box 5b on Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and twice the amount of the ISSUE FEE shown above, or

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as NO:

A. Pay TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above, or

B. If applicant claimed SMALL ENTITY status before, or is now claiming SMALL ENTITY status, check box 5a on Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and 1/2 the ISSUE FEE shown above.

- II. PART B FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL should be completed and returned to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with your ISSUE FEE and PUBLICATION FEE (if required). Even if the fee(s) have already been paid, Part B Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and returned. If you are charging the fee(s) to your deposit account, section "4b" of Part B Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and an extra copy of the form should be submitted.
- III. All communications regarding this application must give the application number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Mail Stop ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Utility patents issuing on applications filed on or after Dec. 12, 1980 may require payment of maintenance fees. It is patentee's responsibility to ensure timely payment of maintenance fees when due.

Complete and send this form, together with applicable fee(s), to: Mail

Mail Stop ISSUE FEE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

or <u>Fax</u> (571) 273-2885

INSTRUCTIONS: This form should be used for transmitting the ISSUE FEE and PUBLICATION FEE (if required). Blocks 1 through 5 should be completed where

indicated unless corrected maintenance fee notification	below or directed otherwise	in Block 1, by (a	ders and notifi) specifying a	new corre	maintenance fee espondence addre	s will be mailed to the current ess; and/or (b) indicating a sep	arate "FEE ADDRESS" for
	CE ADDRESS (Note: Use Block 1 for 7590 08/10/2005	any change of address)		Fe	e(s) Transmittal. pers. Each additio	of mailing can only be used for this certificate cannot be used onal paper, such as an assignmente of mailing or transmission.	for any other accompanying
John S. Beulick Armstrong Teasda One Metropolitan St. Louis, MO 631	Square, Suite 2600			I h Str	ereby certify that tes Postal Service	Certificate of Mailing or Tran t this Fee(s) Transmittal is being the with sufficient postage for find fail Stop ISSUE FEE address SPTO (571) 273-2885, on the	smission ng deposited with the United rst class mail in an envelope
·				L			(Depositor's name)
				_		·	(Signature)
				L			(Date)
APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE		FIRST NAMED	INVENTO	R .	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/722,991	11/26/2003		Scott Mord	in Hoyte		141441	9017
APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE F			ICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1400			\$300	\$1700	11/10/2005
	MINER	45715	I			¬	11.10/2005
	MINER	ART UN			S-SUBCLASS		•
	OAN M ce address or indication of "Fe	2863		70	02-065000		
"Fee Address" indica PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-02 Number is required. 3. ASSIGNEE NAME ANI		ation form e of a Customer E PRINTED ON T elow, no assignee of this form is NO	or agents Of (2) the name registered a 2 registered listed, no nather than the control of the part of	R, alternate of a sing attorney or a patent attarne will be (print or ty ar on the for filing ar	gle firm (having a agent) and the n orneys or agents. e printed.	as a member a 2ames of up to If no name is 3 ignee is identified below, the	document has been filed for
4a. The following fee(s) are ☐ Issue Fee ☐ Publication Fee (No	e assignee category or category enclosed: small entity discount permitte	4b	Payment of F A check in Payment b	ee(s): the amou by credit ca	nt of the fee(s) is ard. Form PTO-20		
Advance Order - # 0	T Copies		Deposit Accou	unt Numb	er	charge the required fee(s), or (enclose an extra	copy of this form).
	s (from status indicated above SMALL ENTITY status. See 3				1		
						IALL ENTITY status. See 37 C usly paid issue fee to the applic egistered attorney or agent; or t	\ \\\ , \\ ,
Authorized Signature					Date		
_						on No.	
This collection of informati an application. Confidential submitting the completed a this form and/or suggestion	on is required by 37 CFR 1.3 lity is governed by 35 U.S.C. pplication form to the USPT s for reducing this burden, sh	11. The information 122 and 37 CFR O. Time will vary ould be sent to the	n is required to 1.14. This colle depending upo Chief Informa	o obtain or ection is ection the indi- ation Offication	retain a benefit b stimated to take 1 vidual case. Any ser, U.S. Patent a	y the public which is to file (an 2 minutes to complete, includi comments on the amount of t and Trademark Office, U.S. Dep	d by the USPTO to process) ng gathering, preparing, and me you require to complete partment of Commerce. P.O.

TI Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.	
10/722,991 11/26/2003		Scott Mordin Hoyte	141441	9017	
75	90 08/10/2005		EXAM	INER	
John S. Beulick	***	LE, TO.	LE, TOAN M		
Armstrong Teasdal One Metropolitan S			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER	
St. Louis, MO 63102			2863	<u>-</u>	
			DATE MAILED: 08/10/2005	5	

Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 86 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 86 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (http://pair.uspto.gov).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571) 272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at (703) 305-8283.